

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A hand-held rotary cutter for cutting thin sheet materials, comprising:

a handle having a hand grip portion; and

a circular cutting blade having a cutting edge, a diameter, and a thickness, wherein the cutting blade is pivotally mounted to the handle, and the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees;

wherein the diameter of the cutting blade is not greater than fifteen times the thickness.

Please cancel claims 2 and 3.

4. (Currently amended) The hand-held rotary cutter of claim 3~~1~~, wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is not less than forty-three degrees and not greater than forty-seven degrees.

5. (Original) The hand-held rotary cutter of claim 4, wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is substantially equal to forty-five degrees.

6. (Original) The hand-held rotary cutter of claim 1 wherein the diameter of the cutting blade is substantially equal to six times the thickness.

Please cancel claims 7-12.

13. (Currently Amended) A hand-held rotary cutter for cutting thin sheet materials, comprising:

a handle having a hand grip portion; and

a replaceable cutting blade and clip assembly, wherein the cutting blade includes a diameter and a thickness, and ~~the~~ a diameter is not greater than fifteen times the thickness, and a cutting edge having an edge angle that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees, and the cutting blade is rotatably mounted on the clip;

wherein the cutting blade and clip assembly is attached to the handle and can be selectively replaced.

Please cancel claims 14-24.

25. (Previously Added) A rotary cutter for cutting thin sheet materials, comprising:

a handle having a hand grip portion; and

a circular cutting blade having a cutting edge, a diameter, and a thickness, wherein the cutting blade is pivotally mounted to the handle;

wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees.

26. (Previously Added) The rotary cutter of claim 25, wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is not less than forty-three degrees and not greater than forty-seven degrees.

27. (Previously Added) The rotary cutter of claim 26, wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is substantially equal to forty-five degrees.

28. (Previously Added) A rotary cutting blade for cutting thin sheet materials, comprising:
- a body having a diameter and a thickness;
 - a cutting edge extending around the periphery of the body, the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees;
 - an axle aperture that extends side to side through the thickness of the body;
 - wherein the diameter of the cutting blade is not greater than fifteen times the thickness.
29. (Previously Added) The cutting blade of claim 28, wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is not less than forty-three degrees and not greater than forty-seven degrees.
30. (Previously Added) The cutting blade of claim 29, wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle that is substantially equal to forty-five degrees.